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ANTHONY STAPLETON); EUR/PPD (LILLIAN DEVALCOURT)
E.O. 12958: N/A
TAGS: [OEXC](#) [SCUL](#) [FR](#)
SUBJECT: FY 2006 IVLP - NOMINATION AND PART I BIODATA FOR ONE
PRINCIPAL CANDIDATE FOR EURP - BIOTECHNOLOGY AND FOOD SAFETY
(JUNE 5 - 23, 2006)

REF: STATE 004520

POST WOULD LIKE TO NOMINATE ONE PRINCIPAL CANDIDATE FOR
SUBJECT PROGRAM: MRS. HELENE MORAUT-PESTANES.

START FIXED-FORMAT TEXT (PLEASE DO NOT EDIT):
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ECA-OFFICE: E/VGE
PROG-AGENCY-NAME:
POST-PROJ-ID: 278
ECA-PROJ-NO:
PROJ-NAME: FY 2006 - EURP Biotechnology and Food Safety
START MEMO PROJ-DESC:
This project is designed for government officials,
politicians, and academics actively developing or interpreting
issues related to biotechnology and food safety. The program
will review the environmental implications of genetically
engineered products; provide an overview of food safety
policies in the U.S.; examine food security issues, and
analyze the potential impact of biotechnology on the world's
food supply and international agricultural trade.
END MEMO PROJ-DESC:
PROJ-TYPE: Regional
PROG-TYPE: IV Grant Visitor
FY: 2006
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ORIGINATOR: P
SUBJ-DISC: Biotechnology
START BIO:
PREFIX: Mrs
F-NAME: Helene
M-NAME:
L-NAME: Moraut-Pestanes
SUFFIX:
POSITION-CODE: 0
PRINCIPAL?: Yes
M-ADDR1: AFSSA
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GENDER: F
DOB: 05/29/1973
MAR-STAT: M
BIRTH-CITY: Versailles
BIRTH-CNTRY: France

CITIZ-CNTRY: France
RES-CNTRY: France
START MEMO POSITION:
In charge of communication, AFSSA (French Food Safety Agency),
since March 2005
END MEMO POSITION:
START MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:

END MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:
START MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:
2003-2005 - Agriculture and Food Specialist in France's
largest consumer association "UFC-Que Choisir"
1999-2003 - Director of the French Technical Institute of
Organic Agriculture - ITAB
1999-2002 - Chief Editor, "Alter-Agri Magazine" (ITAB
publication)
1997-1999 - Project manager in the regional Chamber of
Agriculture of Champagne-Ardenne
END MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:
START MEMO US-TRAVEL:
None
END MEMO US-TRAVEL:
START MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:
Africa - 1996, internship
Oceania - Tourism
END MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:
START MEMO EDUCATION:
1993-1996 - Master of Science in Agronomy and Economics, Paris
University of Agronomy
END MEMO EDUCATION:
START MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:
- ACCIR: association of North-South cooperation
- Max Havelaar: French national association for fair trade
- FERT: rural organization in Madagascar
END MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:
START MEMO PUBLICATIONS:
1999-2002 - "Alter-Agri Magazine" organic agriculture
publication
1998 - Action plan for the development of organic agriculture
in the Champagne-Ardenne region
1995 - INRA (French Research Institute in Agronomy)
publication on domesticated animals and environment management
END MEMO PUBLICATIONS:
START MEMO SPEC-CONSID:

END MEMO SPEC-CONSID:
FIRST-LANG: French
ENGL-READ: 4
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NOMINATING-OFFICER: Marie-Cecile Henard
START MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:
Helene Moraut-Pestanes is in charge of communication in the
French Food Safety Agency - AFSSA. Thanks to her technical
and regulatory expertise in food safety, nutrition,
biotechnology, international farm policies and environment,
she is the person explaining complex and technical AFSSA
recommendations and reports to the press and the public. She
is therefore a key-person to educate about the U.S. regulatory
framework on risk assessment and communication on risk in the
farm and food sector. With her professional expertise in
organic and biotechnology, learning about these sectors in the
United States would help her understand the technical and
economical feasibility of their coexistence. Biotech and non-
biotech coexistence is currently the key-issue in France and
other European Union Member States, as it is not regulated at
the European level.
For Helene Moraut-Pestanes and AFSSA, building contacts in the
United States with agencies in charge of risk evaluation and
communication on risk in food safety, nutrition, organic and
biotechnology would be helpful to improve consumer education
and adjust the information provided to consumers to their
demands and fears. She could contribute to change French
consumer perception of biotech products in food.

END MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:
NOM-OFF: AGR - U.S. Embassy Paris, France

SPEAKER?: No
NOTIFY-EMB: No
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INTL-ORG-AMOUNT2: 0
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